

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES - Sri Ch. Rangasai Bhatt, Deputy Director (Retd), Information & Public Relations Department - Disciplinary proceedings on the allegations of corruption - Imposition of penalty of 10% cut in pension for a period of one year, besides recovery of Rs. 12,500/- towards loss caused to Government - Final Orders - Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SC.IFS) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 1667

Dated: 28.04.2014,

Read the following:-

- 1) G.O.Rt.No.1323, General Administration (SC-D) Department, Dt.17.03.2009.
- 2) From Sri Ch.Rangasai Bhatt, Deputy Director, I & P.R. Department, Written Statement of Defense, dt.12-06-2009.
- 3) G.O.Rt.No.6171, General Administration (SC-D) Department, dt.26.12.2009.
- 4) From Dr.Prasanta Mahapatra, IAS, Commissioner of Inquires, report C.No.9/COI-PM/2010, dt.27-11-2010.
- 5) Govt. Memo No.181/SC.D/A1/2008-9, General Administration (SC-D) Department, Dt:08.05.2012 and reminders thereon Dt:20.07.2012 and 12.10.2012.
- 6) Govt. Memo.No. 181/SC.D/A1/2008-13, dt. 26.08.2013.
- 7) Govt. Lr.No. 181/SC.IFS/A1/2008-14, Dated:06.12.2013.
- 8) From the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad Lr.No. 2285/RT/1/2013, Dated: 24.02.2014.

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ORDER:

In the G.O. first read above, departmental proceedings have been initiated against Sri Ch.Rangasai Bhatt, Deputy Director (Retired) under rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, by framing the following Article of Charge :

That Ch. Ranga Sai Bhat, while working as Assistant Director (Song & Dram), Information & Public Relations Department, Hyderabad during the period from 19.12.1991 to 22.11.2004 has committed grave misconduct in as much as indicated below :-

“While working as Assistant Director (Song & Drama), Information & Public Relations Department, Hyderabad, has exhibited misconduct, negligence and abuse of his official position by corrupt and illegal means in causing pecuniary advantage of Rs.1,50,000/- to a private person Sri P. Ravi Kumar, E.S.I. Quarters, B2/1, Sanathnagar, Hyderabad without any public interest.”

Thus, Sri Ch. Ranga Sai Bhat, formerly Assistant Director, Information & Public Relations Department, Hyderabad, by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and there by contravened Rule 3(1) and (2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.”

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2. Sri Ch. Rangasai Bhatt, Deputy Director (Retired), Information & Public Relations Department has submitted his written statement of defense in the letter second read above, denying the charge.
3. After careful examination of the Written Statement of Defense of Sri Ch. Rangasai Bhatt, Deputy Director (Retd), Information & Public Relations Department, Dr. Prasanta Mahapatra, IAS (Retd), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries was appointed as Inquiring Authority in the G.O. third read above, to enquire into the charge framed against Sri Ch. Rangasai Bhatt, Deputy Director (Retired) .
4. The Inquiring Authority after conducting enquiry submitted report in the letter fourth read above holding that the charge of financial loss on account of excess payment to one Sri P. Ravi Kumar, framed against Sri Ch. Ranga Sai Bhatt, is not substantial enough for major penalty, considering the fact that the payment was made after due approval of the Commissioner of I&PR. However, the financial loss to government attributable to Sri Rangasai Bhat is estimated at Rs.12,500/- and has recommended that this amount be recovered from his retirement benefits. The Inquiring Authority Report has been examined and decided to disagree with the findings of the Inquiring Authority.
6. In the reference sixth read above, Sri Ch. Rangasai Bhatt, Deputy Director (Retd) has been requested to submit his representation on the findings of the Inquiring Authority and Dissent Note of the Government., within 15 days from the date of receipt of the memorandum. The same was acknowledged by Sri Ch. Rangasai Bhatt, Deputy Director (Retired), Information & Public Relations Department on 19.10.2012 but the charged officer has not furnished his representation to the Government.
7. Government after careful consideration have arrived at the conclusion to impose a penalty of 10% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year, besides recovery of Rs. 12,500/- towards loss caused to the Government on Sri Ch. Ranga Sai Bhatt, Deputy Director (Retd).
8. In the Government Memorandum sixth read above, Sri Ch. Rangasai Bhatt, Deputy Director (Retd) has been requested to submit his representation, if any, on the proposed penalty of 10% cut in pension for a period of one year, besides recovery of Rs. 12,500/- towards loss caused to the Government within (15) days from the date of receipt of the memorandum. The same was acknowledged by the Charged Officer on 27.09.2013 but he has not furnished his representation to the Government.
9. In the Government letter seventh read above, the Government sought the advice of the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission on the provisional decision of imposition of penalty of 10% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year, besides recovery of Rs. 12,500/- towards loss caused to the Government on Sri Ch. Ranga Sai Bhatt, Deputy Director (Retd).
10. The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad in his letter eighth read above communicated advice of the Commission. The Commission agreed with the proposal of the Government to impose the penalty of 10% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year, besides recovery of Rs. 12,500/- towards loss caused to the Government on Sri Ch. Ranga Sai Bhatt, Deputy Director (Retd). .

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11. The Government after careful examination of the entire matter have decided to impose penalty of 10% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year, besides recovery of Rs. 12,500/- towards loss caused to the Government on Sri Ch. Ranga Sai Bhatt, Deputy Director (Retd). Accordingly, Government hereby impose penalty of 10% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year, besides recovery of Rs. 12,500/- from the Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity towards loss caused to the Government on Sri Ch. Ranga Sai Bhatt, Deputy Director (Retd).

12. The Commissioner, Information & Public Relations & Ex-Officio Secretary to Government, General Administration (I&PR) Department shall take necessary action to impose the said penalty on Sri Ch. Ranga Sai Bhatt, Deputy Director (Retired).

13. A copy of the letter eighth read above, wherein the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad has tendered advice to impose the penalty of 10% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year, besides recovery of Rs. 12,500/- is herewith communicated to Sri Ranga Sai Bhatt, Deputy Director (Retired) as required under rule 23 of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

DR. P.K.MOHANTY,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To
Sri Ch.Ranga Sai Bhatt, Asst. Director, Information & Public Relations Department through the Commissioner, Information & Public Relations Department, Masab Tank, Hyderabad.
The Commissioner, Information & Public Relations Department, Masab Tank, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.
The General Administration (Information & Public Relations) Department.
The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Hyderabad.
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